

HOUSE RESOLUTION 196

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lauren Thompson upon being named the 2005 Tennessee Gatorade Player of the Year.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school student-athletes that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable student-athlete is Lauren Thompson who was recently named the 2005 Tennessee Gatorade Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, for many years, representatives of the Gatorade Company have honored America's outstanding high school athletes from all fifty states and the District of Columbia who have attained an extraordinary level of success in both athletics and academics; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Germantown High School, Lauren Thompson, is an extremely talented volleyball player, leading the Lady Red Devils to the 2005 Tennessee Volleyball State Title; and

WHEREAS, the first student in the Memphis area to win this estimable award, Ms. Thompson is now a finalist for the Gatorade National Player of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious volleyball career, Lauren Thompson has won two Tennessee State Volleyball Championships, and she was named the Most Valuable Player in both the District and Regional Tournaments in 2005; she was also named to the All-State Tournament Team three years in a row; and

WHEREAS, a talented middle blocker and outside hitter, Lauren Thompson has chosen to accept a scholarship offer from the University of Memphis to play volleyball next year for the Lady Tigers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson's dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent has not only made possible a successful and memorable volleyball career, but also surely points toward her success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Thompson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body take great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of Tennessee's exceptional youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Lauren Thompson upon being named the 2005 Tennessee Gatorade Player of the Year and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.